Application No. 10/681,205

**REMARKS** 

The amendment to the Specification serves to include a claim to priority before the

first sentence, and which was timely presented in the Application Data Sheet filed on October

9, 2003.

Claims 18-22 are cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 1-5, 7, and 9-11 are currently amended.

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies, to improve readability, and to exclude a species that was allowed in the parent application 09/762,888 on August 15, 2003.

The amendments to the claims are supported by the claims, as originally filed, and throughout the specification.

Upon entry of the amendment, Claims 1-17 and 23-26 will be active.

No new matter is believed to have been added. An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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